MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In part (*a*) the question is intended to be referred to by the Government. Am I to understand that the question referred to in part (*a*) was not referred to at all?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not understand the relevancy of that question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): The question referred to in part (*a*) is in regard to the claims of Tamilians in the matter of appointment to the Police Department. The answer to part (*a*) means that the Traffic Inspector's post is proposed to be filled up. Am I to understand that the particular question mentioned in part (*a*) was not referred to at all by the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was referred to and the answer given is to part (*a*) and not to the preamble.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): What minimum qualification do the Government propose to determine in reference to the practical experience in motor engineering?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has to be considered. The question of nomination has not been taken up.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know what the nature of the minimum qualification or practical experience will be?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of minimum qualification has to be considered when the question of nomination is taken up.

Recruitment of Police Inspectors.

15. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received applications from Tamilians for the posts of Police Inspectors to be recruited shortly; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will consider their claims sympathetically?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government have received a few applications and these received due consideration.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the total number of applications for the post to be filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The posts have been filled up. I think the number of applications was 170 or thereabouts.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the number of applications from Tamilians?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Part (*a*) of the question requires an answer for that.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is answered.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the number of applications from Tamilians?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Chief Secretary take it from me that there were only four?

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I rise to a point of order whether the Member is entitled to give information instead of asking for it?

PRESIDENT: Certainly not.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no objection to accept the statement of Mr. Sivatanu Pillai.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether any Tamilian has been selected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say whether a Tamilian or a Malayali was selected.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I want to know whether a Vellala has been selected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know from the Chief Secretary what he understands by "Tamilian"?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A man who speaks Tamil and who has it as his mother-tongue.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai is entitled to question the Chief Secretary while another member is putting supplementary questions to him?

PRESIDENT: No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the method of procedure that is adopted in the matter of selecting the applicants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a Selection Committee and the candidates who were preliminarily selected were asked to appear before that Committee.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Was any Tamilian selected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the list here. I believe there was one.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I wish to know from the President whether the supplementary questions that I have asked are really supplementary questions which arise from the question.

PRESIDENT: I am afraid I cannot understand what you are asking now. Will you try to speak clearly and put it clearly?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): The answer given by the Chief Secretary is that he is not aware of the number of Tamilian applicants and secondly he is not aware whether any Tamilian was included in the list.

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PRESIDENT: I understood the Chief Secretary to say that there was one.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the reason why he was not selected finally?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The reason cannot be stated here. The Selection Committee went into the question carefully and I cannot state the reasons which guided the Committee in the matter of selection.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the communities to which the selected candidates belong?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to say that now.

Transfer of Grant-in-aid Vaidyan, Chengannur.

16. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have not laid down the policy that no grant-in-aid *vaidyan* will be transferred from one place to another against his wish;

(*b*) if so, whether the recent transfer of *vaidyan* Mr. Madhava Kurup from Chengannur to Changanachery is consistent with this policy;

(*c*) whether there has been any complaint, either departmental or popular, against Mr. Kurup;

(*d*) whether Mr. Kurup has not protested against this transfer;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that Mr. Madhava Kurup had spent a considerable sum of money in building and equipping his *vaidyasala* at Chengannur and that he was very popular there; and

(*f*) the reasons which led to the transfer of Mr. Kurup and the action taken by the Government on the representations against the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such hard and fast rule has been laid down.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

(*c*) The Director reported that there was no regular progress in the conduct of his *vaidyasala*, that the *Vaidyan* had no suitable building to house his *vaidyasala* and that the public confidence in him was waning.

(*d*) After handing over charge to his successor, *vaidyan* Mr Madhava Kurup took 2 months' leave and submitted a memorial praying for his retransfer.

(*e*) *Vaidyan* Mr. Madhava Kurup in his memorial to the Government has stated that he invested nearly Rs. 200 over his *vaidyasala*. With regard to the second part of the question, the answer is in the negative.

(*f*) With regard to the first part of the question, the member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 127.(*d*), page 459, Vol. IX, No. 8, of the Council Proceedings, asked by Mr. M. N. Pillai in

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